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1. SUMMARY: ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE ZAIRIAN MEDIA JULY 27, 27,
AND 28 SEEMED DESIGNED TO PREPARE LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION FOR A GENUINE
RECONCILIATION WITH ANGOLA. WHILE PREVIOUS ZAIRIAN EDITORIAL TREATME
NT
HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL OF ANGOLAN MOTIVES AND HAD CALLED FOR
CONTINUED ZAIRIAN VIGILANCE (E.G. REF A), CURRENT EDITORIALIZING
CONTAINS NO SUCH CAVEATS. ZAIRE IS NO LONGER INSISTING THAT IT IS
THE INJURED PARTY WHICH MUST BE APPEARED. INSTEAD THE EDITLRIAL
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LINE IS THAT AFRICA, THE "MYSTERIOUS", HAS MANAGED TO SURMOUNT
IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AND RESOLVE ITS OWN DIFFERENCES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST CLEAR INDICATION OF THIS OBVIOUSLY GOZ-INSPIRED CHANGE
IN PRESS TREATMENT OCCURRED THE EVENING OF JULY 25 WITH THE
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ZAIRE AND ANGOLA WERE ABOUT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITALS (REF B). THE FULL TEXT OF THE

REPORT AS PUBLISHED JULY 26 BY THE ZAIRIAN DAILY "ELIMA" EMPHASIZED THE SERE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THE MOST RECENT BRAZZAVILLE MEETING BETWEEN THE ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN DELEGATIONS" AS WELL AS THE "CLIMATE OF MUTUAL COMPREHENSIONS PRESENTLY BREAKING OUT IN KINSHAS AND LUANDA." THIS SAME REPORT WENT ON TO PREDICT THAT THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WAS CERTAIN AND THAT "THIS WOULD BE THE TRIUMPH OF AFRICAN DIALOGUE OVER IMPERIALIST SCHEMES OF DIVISION, AND CONFIRMATION THAT AFRICA HAS MYSTERIES THAT NON-AFRICANS CANNOT UNDERSTAND, STILL LESS PENETRATE." THE ZAIRIAN NEWS AGENCY (AZAP) DEVELOPED THE SAME CONCEPT, IN ITS JULY 26 EDITORIAL (REF C).

3. THE NEXT DAY'S ISSUE OF "ELIMA" (JULY) WARMED TO THE RECONCILIATION THEME WITH AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "AN IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION." WHILE ADMITTING THAT KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT HAD NOT SOLVED ALL OF AFRICA'S PROBLEMS, THE EDITORIAL WAXED LYRICAL THAT THE OAU HAD BEEN ALE TO ESCAPE THE TRAPS SET BY THE IMPERIALISTS ,
"ON THE EVE OF THIS SUMMIT, THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA DELIBERATELY MINIMIZED THE CHANCES FOR A DEFINITIVE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN LUANDA AND KINSHASA. THE PROPHETS HAVE LAMENTABLY FAILED IN THEIR PESSIMISTIC PREDICTIONS. THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION CREATED IN CENTRAL AFRICA BY CERTAIN POWERS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO DIVIDE AFRICANS IN ORDER TO DOMINATE THEM GAVE WAY TO A SINCERE AND FRANK RECONCILIATION. THE ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN PARTIES ENGAGED IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRANK DIALOGUE WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE OPINION OF ALL OBSERVERS, MARKED AN IRREVERSIBLE TURNING TOWARDS A DEFINITIVE NORMALIZATION OF ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS. THIS IMMINENT NORMALIZATION IS ALREADY CONSIDERED AS AN EVENT OF HIGH POLITICAL IMPORTANCE WHICH APPEARS IN THE EYES OF ALL OBSERVERS AS A GREAT VICTORY GAINED BY ZAIRE AND ANGOLA OVER THE ENEMIES OF AFRICANS WHO HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO CREATE A STATE OF PERMANENT INSTABILITY ON THE CONTINEN..."

4. AZAP JULY 28 CONTINUED IN MUCH THE SAME SPIRIT WITH A LEAD EDITORIAL ENTITLED, "THE SPIRIT OF KHARTOUM." REFERRING TO THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL JULY 28 OF THE ANGOLANS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMBASSY, AZAP CONCLUDED, "ONE WISHES THAT THE VISIT OF OUR ANGOLAN BROTHERS ON ZAIRIAN SOIL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF KHARTOUM SHOULD DOMINATE THE DISCUSSIONS IN KINSHASA." KINSHASA DAILY NEWSPAPER "SALONGO" PUBLISHED ITS FIRST EDITORIAL ON THIS SUBJECT JULY 28. ENTITLED "TRANSCENDING DIVISIONS", IT BEGAN BY PROCLAIMING, "IT IS CLEAR THAT ZAIRE AND ANGOLA ARE RESOLUTELY COMMITTED TO THE PATH OF NORMALIZING THEIR RELATIONS," AND CONTINUED IN THAT SAME VEIN FOR SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS.

5. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THESE EDITORIALS NO LONGER
IDENTIFY THE "IMPERIALISTS" AS THE SOVIETS AND THEIR CUBAN ALLIES.
NOR DO ZAIRIAN MEDIA PROCLAIM ANY LONGER THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOL
A
IS DEPENDENT UPON THESE FOREIGN COMMUNIST NATIONS. INSTEAD
ZAIRIANS AND ANGOLANS ARE DESCRIBED AS ALL AFRICANS TOGETHER WHO CAN
WORK OUT THEIR OWN DIFFERENCES.
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